

December 15, 2010

Department of Water Resources DIRWM PO BOX 942836 Sacramento, CA 94236-0001 Attention: Joe Yun

RE: Support for Proposition 84 Planning Grant Funding Recommendations

Dear Mr. Yun:

I am writing on behalf of the Central Water District Board of Directors to express support for the Department of Water Resources (DWR) Proposition 84 Planning Grant funding recommendations. We are pleased that DWR recommends full funding for the proposal submitted on behalf of the Santa Cruz Region. These funds will help the Region update the Integrated Regional Water Management (IRWM) Plan to ensure that it fully meets state standards and thoroughly addresses the water resources challenges facing our region. Funding will support development of climate change response strategies, improved data management, performance and monitoring methods, and linkages between IRWM planning and local land use planning, among other tasks. In addition, funding will support key technical studies to support further IRWM Planning efforts.

We support DWR's recommendations for funding the other Central Coast regions. The Santa Cruz Region collaborates with all the Central Coast IRWM regions to support planning and implementation efforts in the other regions. In particular, we look forward to collaboration with the Pajaro region on several of their Plan update tasks that benefit our shared resources.

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me or Ralph Bracamonte, Central Water District Manager, at 831-688-2767. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

**Doug Titus** 

President

**Central Water District Board of Directors**